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1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS REF B, IN LIGHT CONVERSATIONS WITH AUSTRALIAN OFFICIALS IN JAKARTA SUMMARIZED REF A.

2. COMMENTS MADE IN JAKARTA BY BRIAN BATES, AS REPORTED PARAS 3 AND 4 REF A APPEAR GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH VIEWS EXPRESSED IN OCTOBER 30 CANBERRA DISCUSSIONS BY HARVEY BATES AND SCULLION. PRINCIPAL DIFFERENCE IN EMPHASIS APPEARS TO BE ON QUESTION OF AVAILABILITY SURPLUS ANB COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. HARVEY BATES ALLUDED TO THIS POSSIBILITY IN OCTOBER 30 DISCUSSIONS, AND SEEMED TO FEEL SURPLUS EQUIPMENT WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY. IN GENERAL, HOWEVER, AS REPORTED REF B, HARVEY BATES EMPHASIZED THAT CURRENT BUDGETARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION WOULD DELAY FINAL DECISION WELL INTO 1976, AND THAT FIRST PRIORITY IN GOA USE OF AID PROGRAM MONEY FOR NARCOTICS ACTIVITIES WOULD GO TO MULTILATERAL PROJECTS.

3. EMBASSY WILL DISCUSS FURTHER WITH BOTH BRIAN AND HARVEY BATES AFTER FORMER'S RETURN FROM JAKARTA AND ADVISE DEPARTMENT. PERCIVAL

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